(b) [illegible] of the violation of wildlife laws are being collected from the states.

(c) The prosecution of all the cases related to the violation of wildlife laws is taken up by the respective State Governments strictly as per the existing legal provisions without any exception.

Reconstitution of Environmental Assessment Expert Committee

1239. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NGOs had written letter to his Ministry alleging that Environmental Assessment Expert Committee be reconstituted as most of its members are not environmental experts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Government has received a copy of a note circulated by some Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) on the composition of the existing Expert Committees. These NGO's have been critical of the composition of the existing committees from the point of view of the regional representation, lack of multi-disciplinary expertise and inadequate representation of all stakeholders including women.

Indirasagar Project

1240. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has started construction and other works on Indirasagar Project without getting forest clearance;

(b) whether it involves forest including wildlife sanctuary; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by his Ministry to save forest, bio-diversity, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Forest clearance has not been granted so far for diversion of forest land forming part of Indirasagar Project. No work of the project has been carried out on forest land.